Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method comprising;

~~transmitting content;~~

~~transmitting a first announcement including connection information for said content; and~~

transmitting a ~~second~~ <u>first</u> announcement including a content description for ~~said~~ content, said ~~second~~ <u>first</u> announcement transmitted before any assignment of connection has been determined for said content[[.]]<u>;</u>

<u>transmitting a second announcement including connection information for said content;</u> <u>and</u>

<u>transmitting said content.</u>

Claim 2 (cancel)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim [[2]] <u>1</u> including arranging said content description with at least two levels of granularity.

Claim 4 (original):   The method of claim 3 including linking each of said granularity levels to connection information for said granularity.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 further including providing a service identifier with said ~~second~~ <u>first</u> announcement to link with said <u>second</u> ~~first~~ announcement.

Claim 6 (original):   The method of claim 5 including specifying the location of service in said connection information.

Claim 7 (original):   The method of claim 6 further including transmitting ancillary information with said content.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of claim [[2]] <u>1</u> further including providing an identifier to link said first and second announcements.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting said ~~connection information~~ <u>content description</u> includes transmitting a data program guide.

Claim 10 (currently amended):   An article comprising a medium for storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to:

~~transmit content;~~

~~transmit a first announcement including connection information for said content; and~~

transmit a <u>first</u> ~~second~~ announcement including a content description for ~~said~~ content, said ~~second~~ <u>first</u> announcement transmitted before any assignment of connection has been determined for said content[[.]]<u>;</u>

<u>transmit a second announcement including connection information for said content; and</u>

<u>transmit said content.</u>

Claim 11 (cancel)

Claim 12 (currently amended):   The article of claim [[11]] <u>10</u> further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to arrange said content description with at least two levels of ~~regularity~~ <u>granularity</u>.

Claim 13 (currently amended):   The article of claim [[11]] <u>10</u> further storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to provide an identifier to link said first and second announcements.

Claims 26-28 (cancel)